

TOWN OF BOXBOROUGH NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING Meeting Minutes

Approved: Oct. 5, 2022

Conservation Commission September 7, 2022 7:30 PM Grange Meeting Room, Town Hall

Members Present: Sam Anderson, David Follett, David Koonce, Norm Hanover, Lucy Indge, Liz Markiewicz and Steve Schmitt

At 7:35 PM, Liz called the meeting to order.

Motion was made by Norm, seconded by David Follett and voted unanimously to approve the minutes of Aug.17, 2022.

Motion was made by David Koonce, seconded by Norm and voted unanimously to pay Oxbow Associates \$1,773.75 for work related to 244 Adams Place and \$1,800.00 for work related to Liberty Fields.

Motion was made by David Koonce, seconded by Norm and voted unanimously to pay \$13.88 to W.B. Mason.

Reports

Chairman's Reports (Markiewicz)

Liz reported on the easement language from Massachusetts Department of Transportation (DOT) giving the Town of Boxborough/Conservation Commission authorization to maintain the trail along Route 495 leading to the esker, a Boxborough Conservation Trust property. Liz and Rita Grossman of BCT reported on a large tree that is dangerously overhead at the esker trail. Since the Department of Public Works (DPW) has safer and more effective equipment to deal with this, the Commission and BCT will ask the DPW to handle the removal of the tree.

Liz brought up the topic of memorials on public lands and referenced a memorandum currently in place. The memorandum came from an uptick in memorials that were placed at Flerra Meadow many years ago. Sam suggested that the Commission, with the help of Mary, research other towns' policies and try to develop an official policy for Boxborough.

Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP) Committee (Hanover & Markiewicz)
Review of the draft OSRP – photos of Conservation properties are outdated and should be replaced.
The mammals and bird lists are outdated and need revision. Liz and Rita will work to update them.
Commission members are encouraged to go to the Planning Board meeting on September 19th.

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Discussion / Update: 95 & 105 Sargent Road

Sudbury Valley Trustees is waiting for the plot corners to be marked. There are still old railroad ties to be removed. The closing for the sale is still set for October 24, 2022.

Correspondence

Planning Board Review Request: 400 Beaver Brook Road

The Commission will ask the Planning Board to request the riverfront line and offset on revised plans.

Stamski & McNary: 555 Old Harvard Road

Nathanial Cataldo presented on behalf of the homeowner, who wished to build a new, attached garage and would offset the habitat loss by altering the double-entry driveway and thus removing a significant amount of impervious substrate. The Commission reviewed the town bylaw and determined that per section 2.5.31, permanent structures, including attached to existing structures, are prohibited.

Ongoing: 199 Middle Road EO 1102 Massachusetts Ave. EO Invasives Management

At 9:15 PM, motion was made by Norm, seconded by David Follett and voted unanimously to adjourn.

Documents used during this meeting: Agenda Correspondence Invoices Draft Minutes Aug. 17, 2022 Draft Open Space and Recreation Plan

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